

Resolution: SEQR Determination – Applications to DEC for Solid Waste and Air permit modifications at Clinton County Compost Facility

Whereas this resolution is based on the following facts and circumstances:

1. Under an Agreement with the County of Clinton made in 1982, the City of Plattsburgh operated the Clinton County Compost Facility (the “Facility”) for the treatment of sewage sludge.
2. The Facility has a solid waste permit for in vessel composting and aerated static pile as an emergency back up and an air permit for discharges from in vessel composting and the N Viro process.
3. In April, 2004 the City applied to DEC for permit modifications (the applications were subsequently amended) which in summary and substance would authorize the city to treat a much reduced volume of sewage sludge using the Alkaline Treatment method as an alternative to composting.
4. The applications to modify the permits are the subject of a pending SEQR review proceeding in which the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh has been designated Lead Agency.
5. The members of the Common Council have reviewed the following documents in connection with this determination of significance:
 - a. Air permit application (separated into parts 1 and 2 on the City website)
 - b. Solid Waste Permit Report
 - c. Environmental Justice Program materials, including
 - i. Public participation plan
 - ii. Public Information meeting slideshow
 - iii. Progress report 1, 2 and final report
 - iv. Tabulation of public comments
 - d. EAF Part 1 06/04/10
 - e. Town of Plattsburgh Letter 12/11/10
 - f. City Letter 01/25/11
 - g. EAF Part 1 revised 11/9/10
 - h. EAF Part 1, supplement dated 1/25/2011
 - i. EAF Part 2 dated 4/6/2011
 - j. EAF Part 3 dated 4/6/2011
 - k. Power Point Presentation on EAF Review given on 4/5/2011

Now, therefore, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh finds and resolves:

- A. EAF Part 1 completely and accurately describes the project and action.
- B. EAF Part 2 accurately states the probable size of the impacts from the proposed project.
- C. Notwithstanding the fact that the proposed project will have no potentially large impacts, EAF Part 3 explains why the Common Council finds none of the impacts will be large impacts and why the potentially moderate impacts will not be important impacts.
- D. The Common Council finds the project will not have a significant adverse effect upon the environment and authorizes the Mayor to sign a Negative Declaration to this effect.

- This project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which **will not** have a significant impacts on the environment, therefore **a negative declaration will be prepared.**